

Beachcombers Newsletter

October 2021



“Life’s too short to drive a boring car”

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATED INFORMATION** Jacob Or-Bach has informed the Board that due to extenuating circumstances, George Schmidt, has chosen to withdraw his name for the Board position of Vice President – Membership. However, Lisa Quicke, has since stepped up and entered into the running for that position. Which means we now have Lisa Quicke and Preston Powers running for Vice President – Membership. The Board members in the remaining positions have agreed to remain in their current positions for the next year. However, it’s not too late to get involved for one of the Board positions if you’re interested. Please contact Jacob Or-Bach, for more information.

At the October Business Meeting we’ll hear from those who have volunteered to run for a position on the Board as well as the current Board Members who have agreed to stay in their current positions. At the November Business Meeting, as per the Beachcomber’s Constitution the election of officers will take place.

- ❖ We are arriving at the time of year when everyone is reminded that their Beachcombers Corvette Club dues are due for next year. Our Vice President – Membership, Joel Wolf, has sent you an email detailing the cost and how to make your payment. In brief, your current membership expires on October 31 and the membership drive for next year has begun and expires on November 14. Please act and get your dues paid in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your support.
- ❖ Plans are underway for the Beachcombers Christmas Holiday Party that takes place on Saturday, December 11. A grateful thanks goes out to Charlene Price, Lisa & Tom Quicke, Laurie & Hank Reisenbichler and Connie & Tim Miller. Connie Miller is the Chairlady for this event and has done a stellar job of coordinating the details. Thanks to all of you. Please be sure you mark your calendar as you don’t want to miss this popular event. See the attached Flyer.
- ❖ At the end of August several Beachcombers traveled to Carlisle, PA for the annual Corvettes at Carlisle Extravaganza. The weather was hot and humid but that didn’t stop anyone from having a good time by seeing all that was there and making new friends. The Club is exploring some new options for next year that might allow all Beachcombers to be grouped together in the Fun Field. More to come.
- ❖ If you weren’t able to make it to the Beachcombers Picnic on September 12 you missed a great time. Over 70 Beachcombers were on hand at the Currituck BBQ for an old-fashioned BBQ picnic. After lunch there was a Poker Run that took drivers to a few out of the way places before returning to the Currituck BBQ and putting together their best poker hand for one of the prizes. The winners were; 3rd Place – Brian and Vivian Bowers, 2nd Place – Michele and Perry Suttle and 1st Place – Tim and Mary Ann Eason.
- ❖ In late September about a dozen Beachcomber cars drove their Vettes to Pigeon Forge, TN for the Eastern Tennessee Corvette Clubs annual car show called VETTE FEST. The drive to Pigeon Forge was exciting as we drove *The Diamondback*, *The Devils’ Whip* and *The Blue Ridge Parkway*. Our first night’s stay was at the Switzerland Inn, a gem along the Blue Ridge Parkway with fantastic views overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. We also made a stop at the Bush Beans plant near Pigeon Forge where we ate lunch including Bush Bean pie that was delicious. The showcase of this getaway was the *Roaring 20s Party* after the car show on Saturday evening. The Beachcomber ladies were dolled up in their finest Roaring 20s attire and the guys were pimp’d up in their finest. As it turned out, the Beachcombers ended up being the hit of the party. On Sunday we headed to the Buffalo Trace

Distillery for a tour, product sampling and of course shopping in their gift shop. Then on Monday we began our journey home. I can envision this being an add to our list of annual events.

- ❖ While some Beachcombers were in Pigeon Forge, others were participating in the Neptune Festival Parade in Virginia Beach. The feedback was that the parade was great fun and as usual the crowd loved seeing all of the beautiful Corvettes the Beachcombers brought. Thanks to all of the participating Beachcombers and a special thanks goes out to Bobbi Agner for taking the lead for this event.
- ❖ Update regarding the trailer sales; John Herbert and John Kummers are working out details of the sale. Stay tuned for an update at the October Business Meeting.
- ❖ Progress is being made with the development of the new Beachcombers webpage. At the September Business Meeting John Kummers told us that the web developer is making progress and we should be seeing a version of his work soon. More to come.
- ❖ A group of Beachcombers met and did some brainstorming regarding the development of a survey to solicit input ensuring we are doing things that appeal to the majority of Club members. The survey is still being polished and will be sent out soon. I'm asking in advance that when you receive the survey you respond and provide us with the feedback we need to make this Club all you want it to be, after all *This is Your Club.*
- ❖ We must be doing something right as our membership continues to grow, we now have 134 Beachcomber families in our Club. Please join me in welcoming our newest members.
 - Pam & Thomas Jollon with their beautiful 2021 Silver Coupe
 - Karen Singley & Al Lozito sporting a 2019 Black Grand Sport Coupe
 - Robert Vereb and his son Jordan in their fantastic 2001 Magnetic Red Metallic Coupe
 - Mary & Joe Badali driving their 2009 Victory Red Coupe
- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps and parade flags. Michele can be reached at msuttle@verizon.net.

MERCHANDISE

A link, business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers, has been developed where you can directly order an apparel item from Lands' End and have it embroidered with the BCC logo and shipped to you. Or Locally, we have two options for having the BCC logo embroidered on your apparel item.

- **American Eagle Embroidery:** Debbie Kidd, 3108 Woodbaugh Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321. Call for estimate (757-673-8337). Or:
- **Design 4 You:** 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Call for estimate (757-456-0428).

NAME TAGS

Wearing your BCC name tag identifies you as a Beachcomber and helps everyone know who you are. If you want to purchase a name tag, please visit.

- **CROWN TROPHY** at located at 3200 Dam Neck Rd., Suite 103, Virginia Beach. Their phone number is 368-7534, their web address is www.crowntrophy.com and their hours of operation are, Mon, Wed & Fri 9 – 5, Tues & Thurs 9 – 6. They are closed weekends & holidays. Contact them to place an order for a Beachcombers Corvette Club name tag. The cost of a name tag is \$9.95 (pin backing) or \$11.70 (magnetic backing). The turnaround time is about 3 days.
- ❖ Please look at the BCC Roster and if any of your personal information has changed, i.e. your email address, postal address, phone number(s) or model Corvette(s) you own please contact Joel Wolf by

email at wolfmanok@hotmail.com with the correct information and he will update the BCC Roster accordingly. If you are not sure if your information is correct contact me and together, we will check it.

TRIVIA TEST – DO YOU KNOW? (Answer on page 7)

Why does the 2021 Corvette have a diesel glow plug warning light on the dash?

- A. The 2022 Corvette sold in China, Europe and other regions will be available with a 3.3L straight-six twin turbo diesel built by GM's partner in China, SAIC.
- B. The glow plug light has always been used to indicate that a diesel engine is not yet ready to start. GM is now using the same warning light to indicate electric cars, including future Corvettes, are still plugged into a battery charger and cannot be "started."
- C. GM saves money by using the same warning light circuit board in multiple vehicles even if some of the lights are irrelevant for a specific model.

WHAT WE DID IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 4 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. Hosted by the Flag Runners.

Tuesday, September 7 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting.

Wednesday, September 8 – Beachcombers Breakfast at *The Brick House Diner*.

Wednesday, September 8 – A Gathering at the Garage.

Friday, September 10 & 24 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In.

Saturday, September 11 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. Hosted by the VCL.

Sunday, September 12 – Beachcomber Picnic at Currituck BBQ.

Wednesday, September 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at the YNOT Pizza at LTC Shopping Center.

Friday, September 17 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at Woodstock Park in Virginia Beach.

Saturday, September 18 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. Hosted by the Beachcombers.

Thursday – Monday - September 23 – 27 – VETTE FEST in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Saturday, September 25 – Neptune Festival Parade.

Saturday, September 25 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC.

MAJOR OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 1, 2 & 3 – 10th Annual Queen City Car Show. This event is unique in that this car show is being held at the Rick Hendrick property located at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. in Charlotte, NC. In addition to the car show, a tour of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum is available (at an added cost) as well as the Rick Hendrick NASCAR Race Trams buildings. There are several vendors on site, including food and ice cream trucks. Several door prizes will be given out throughout the day along

with silent auction items. Go to <https://queencitycorvette.com/> and follow their directions to the event registration page to obtain the registration form and to sign-up for the optional tours.

Rooms have been blocked under the Queen City Corvette Club's name at the Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte/Concord Speedway for Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 7841 Gateway Lane Northwest, Concord, NC, their phone number is 1-704-979-1300. When making your reservation, be sure you tell them you want one of the rooms blocked for the Queen City Corvette Club.

On Sunday, October 3, as we are traveling home, we plan to stop at the Richard Childress Vineyard in Lexington, NC for lunch and a sampling of their grape products. This is a sign-up event.

NEW EVENT Saturday, October 2, 2021 – ZIP Corvette Customer Appreciation Day. Zip Corvette will host a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Oct 2 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stop by ZIP anytime that day for lunch, music and a showroom discount! Please be advised that ZIP has added a new building to its campus, so parking is much more limited than in previous years. In order to welcome as many guests as possible, you are encouraged to "cruise in and out" throughout the day. Trucks with trailers will not be permitted on Fast Lane for this event.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – Monthly Business Meeting at The *Virginia Beach Rescue Squad (VBRS)* located at 1243 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (located near Virginia Beach General Hospital).

NEW EVENT Thursday, October 7, 2021 – Tech Night at Premium Auto Films at 6:30 pm. The Beachcombers have been invited to a demonstration of a new product on the market called *EXPEL*. This is a car wrap product that can be applied to your car to help minimize the abrasive effects on the clear coat and paint on your car. To learn more about this product, plan to attend this event and share in the pizza and soft drinks the Beachcombers will be providing. Premium Auto Films located at 524 Central Drive in Virginia Beach at 6:30. If you plan to join us please let me know. This is a sign-up event.

NEW INFORMATION Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. This year the main IMSA Race will take place on Saturday and the Michelin Pilot Challenge race (GT Daytona Cars) will be the main race on Sunday. Use the below link to see the full schedule: <https://virnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-IMSA-Provisional-Schedule-and-SR-VIR-060221.pdf>.

Corvette Coral tickets are on sale via the VIR website. This year the Corvette Corral ticket price is \$250.00 for car, driver, and passenger, plus an additional \$26.50 for handling fees. If you are active duty or retired military be sure you call the VIR Ticket Office to get a reduced-price ticket package.

NEW UPDATE REGARDING HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS. The *Days Inn by Wyndham Reidsville* located at 2205 Barnes Street, Reidsville, NC has **CANCELLED** our block of rooms for October 8 & 9. I only learned of this after one of our members contacted me saying they were having problems trying to reserve a room. Due to the late nature of finding rooms, especially at a reasonable rate, I'm asking each of you to search the internet for rooms at a rate that fits your budget.

I anticipate leaving later in the day on Friday, October 8 and drive to our respective hotels. On Saturday and Sunday we'll meet at the track to enjoy the day's festivities and drive home after Sunday's race. This is a sign-up event.

Wednesday, October 13 – Beachcombers Breakfast. Join the Beachcombers as we get together over a cup of coffee and some breakfast. We meet at the Brick House Diner located at 941 Providence Square Shopping Center at 8:30 am.

Wednesday, October 13 – Gathering at the Garage. In the morning the Beachcombers meet for breakfast and in the evening we meet for beer. Join us, as we taste some of the local brews along with sampling food from the gastro truck located outside the door. This get together kicks off at about 6:00 pm.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 15, 16 & 17 – Ocean City Corvette Weekend. For several years this popular weekend getaway has been a favorite with many Beachcombers. This event is hosted by the Free State Corvette Club with additional details found at www.corvetteweekend.com. Many Beachcombers will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites Ocean City, located at 4301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. If

interested call the hotel directly at 1-410-524-6263 to verify availability. Since some are traveling at different times, on different days and since no one has stepped up to take the lead for this event, you are on your own to make your way there.

Saturday, October 16 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Beachcombers and help is needed for morning set-up and evening tear-down.

Wednesday, October 20 – Monthly Beachcombers Board Meeting. Feel free to join us at for the monthly Board Meeting at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons at 7:00 pm. This may give you insight as to what we do and prepare you in stepping in a Board position in the future.

NEW EVENT Friday, October 22, 2021 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). This has become a popular afternoon event where you get to bring your favorite lunch items and enjoy them with your Beachcomber family at one of the areas city parks. The location for this month's BYOL has not been determined but will be shared with you closer to the actual date. This will be a fair-weather event.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES BEYOND OCTOBER

NEW EVENT Thursday, November 11 – Tidewater Veterans Day Parade. Last year, this parade was cancelled due to Covid restrictions but it's a go for 2021 and the Beachcombers have been invited to participate. The final details for this parade are still being worked out but it's anticipated that this parade will begin at 9:00 am with the route beginning on the south end of Atlantic Avenue and travelling to the reviewing stand at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. Due to the popularity of this event 10 Beachcombers have already stepped up to participate in this year's parade. This is as a sign-up event.

Friday, November 12 – VIR Charity Track Laps. Have you ever dreamed of being a race car driver and speeding around a challenging road course in your Vette? If you have, then you can make your dreams come true by joining us as we head off to VIR for their VIR Charity Track Laps. Here you will have the chance to drive your car in the manner for which it was designed. VIR's Charity laps benefit Victory Junction, a camp for chronically ill children started by NASCAR's Petty family. Pay just \$25 for the opportunity to drive your own car on our 3.27-mile Full Course for 15 to 20 minutes. This is as a sign-up event.

NEW EVENT Sunday, November 21, 2021 – Mayflower Marathon Food Drive. The Mayflower Marathon is a 57-hour consecutive food and fund drive that occurs the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. The tradition of the low contact drive-thru model allows the Foodbank to continue to operate in the same safe, efficient model to collect and distribute food quickly to families in need this Thanksgiving. Last year, this event collected enough food and monetary donations to provide more than one-million meals. This is one of the charities the Beachcombers has supported for many years and once again we'll be doing our part in supporting this worthwhile event. The Beachcombers and other area Corvette Clubs will meet in the Pembroke Mall parking lot near the Target store on Sunday, November 21 at 1:00 pm. The procession of Corvettes is usually the finale for the Food Drive, so at the appropriate time we'll proceed to the food drop-off area where your food donations will be off-loaded from your car and a monetary donation will be given to the Foodbank. Following the food drop-off we'll head over to the Mission BBQ for food. See the attached Flyer.

NEW EVENT Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Beachcombers Corvette Club Christmas Holiday Party. This year's party will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton located at 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach. Rooms will be available at a discounted rate should you wish to spend the night. The Christmas Party Committee is putting the finishing touches on the details; however the attached flyer provides most information. This is a sign-up event and pre-payment is required. Payments will be accepted starting at

the October Business Meeting or you can mail a check to the BEACHOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB at P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Please annotate the check is for the Christmas Holiday Party.

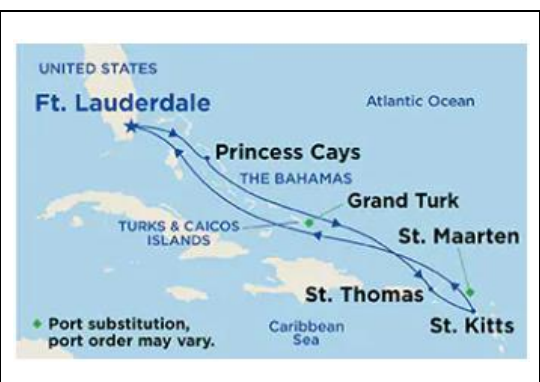
NEW EVENT Thursday, January 27 to Sunday, January 30, 2022 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Originally known as the 24 Hours of DAYTONA, the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA is a 24-hour sports car endurance race held annually that kicks off the new IMSA Weather Tech SportsCar Championship season at Daytona International Speedway. There are traditionally around sixty cars in the field competing for the overall victory as well as four different classes. Each team trades shifts between three and five drivers. Types of cars include Porsches, Ferraris, Corvettes, Mazda, Fords, Lamborghinis, Lexus and Cadillac.

For those new to the Beachcombers, we have made this multi-day road trip for several years and have always had a good time. If IMSA racing is something you enjoy or is something you'd like to learn more about, you won't be disappointed by attending this race. The weather can be unpredictable, but we've always managed to make the best of it and the race still goes on.

In all likelihood we'll depart for Daytona on Thursday, January 27 and drive to Savannah GA, where we'll spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 28. Rooms have been blocked at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and at the Sunset Inn, formerly known as the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown, under the Beachcombers Corvette Club name. To reserve a room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 27, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$69.00 (plus tax). To reserve a room at the Sunset Inn for January 28 – 30, call 1-386-255-4500, and ask to speak to Sandra. Sandra can be reached from 5:00 – 9:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday, let her know you wish to reserve one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$119.00 (plus tax). To take advantage of this rate you must reserve your room prior to January 10. On January 31, after checking out of the hotel you're on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back home.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – It is still months away, but if you think this might interest you, you can begin saving your pennies now and join us in March. Just imagine, being with your Beachcombers friends on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Sky Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on March 5, 2022. We currently have about twenty cabins booked for this cruise and without a doubt it will be a wonderful time. This is a 7-day cruise with three port stops. The port stops include the Princess Cays, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and St. Maarten. For more information please talk with me or, if you are ready to book your cruise, contact our cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. Make sure you let Chelsea know that you want to be linked to the Beachcombers Corvette Club Booking. If you are a first-time cruiser with Princess Cruise Lines, be sure you let Chelsea know and she can help you get additional On-Board Credit (OBC). Below is a brief look at the itinerary for this cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat, March 5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 pm
Sun, March 6	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Mon, March 7	At Sea		
Tue, March 8	St. Thomas, VI	10:00 am	10:00 pm
Wed, March 9	St. Maarten	7:00 am	6:00 pm
Thu, March 10	At Sea		
Fri, March 11	At Sea		
Sat, March 12	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6:00 am	



Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2022 – 2022 Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). After much consternation it appears as if we have a solid plan going forward for next year's VAWD. Thanks to Jimmy Clemmer's persistence and vision for making the Beachcombers annual event one of the best this area has to offer. Please keep your eyes on future Beachcomber Newsletters for more details.

Saturday - Friday, June 12 - 17, 2022 – 2022 NCCC National Convention. This convention is being hosted by the East Region of NCCC and will be in Atlantic City, NJ. The goals of the NCCC East Region for the Convention are to highlight a region of the country that many NCCC Members have never visited, to show clubs from across the country we can run a smooth convention, have fun, and provide convention participants with positive memories. Any profit made at Convention will help fund the East Region and hopefully keep us with a sound financial footing for the future. The convention is a week-long event, but you do not have to be there for the entire week.

The host hotel is Harrah's Resort and is a first-class facility in Atlantic City. A room rate of \$119.99 applies. Refer to Things To Do & Attractions in Atlantic City / Harrah's AC Resort & Casino more information go to; <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2022Convention/Convention2022.php>.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to show the NCCC East we are willing to participate and be an active part of the East Region.

If you are interested in going to the convention please let me know so we can start planning. This will be our first experience to see the fellowship of belonging to a national organization. Please provide feedback so we can start planning for the convention. **We joined for the cars and stayed for the people!**

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